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Mr. Dulles' Dilemma.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles admits he is baffled by Soviet smiles. . . . That he doesn't know for sure the real purpose of the Soviet "new look." . . . That he is plagued by knowledge of Soviet "retreat and zig-zag as a tactic of conquest" and the hopes of the world that the Soviets really have changed.

Other American officials, each of whom presumably has access to the same information, are speaking more positively.

No. 1 is the Secretary's own brother, Allen W. Dulles, who is head of the Central Intelligence Agency—"I don't see any change whatever. . . . I don't see that we have any real reason to believe that, certainly in the covert field and the field of subversion, there's been any relaxation."

No. 2 is Adm. Arthur Radford, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff—"I am no seer who can predict with certainty whether or not the Communists aim at ultimately provoking a global struggle. But I can tell you that I have not seen so far any fundamental change in basic long-term Communist objectives."

No. 3 is Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, supreme commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—"So far as we can tell now, there has been no significant departure from any Soviet position which has heretofore been considered as important."

All three warn against complacency and relaxation in the shadow of "the spirit of Geneva." Surely there is no justification for letting down our guard.

If there is a genuine change of heart in the Kremlin—which we doubt—the Soviets will manifest it more quickly if we remain strong and firm and insist on being shown first.

If the Soviets are only indulging in their old zig-zag tactics, it would be suicidal to relax even for a moment.

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